

Town Topics

Almost No One Came in Mufti

By Marie McNair

NAVY "WHITES"—and a few of the Army's summer dress uniforms—dotted the green garden at Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Arleigh Burke and Mrs. Burke's party yesterday afternoon at Admirals House atop Observatory Hill.



There were a few diplomats, even fewer civilians, and there were some who wondered whether the occasion was to welcome the new Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Nathan Twining, and Mrs. Twining who were among the guests.

A beautiful breeze swept over the garden. There was music from the Navy's stringed orchestra playing from the porch of the mid-Victorian house. And midway during the party the Navy's "Sea Chanters" broke into song.

Admiral and Mrs. Burke stood at the entrance of the garden as guests came in, moved about to talk to friends. Tiny Mrs. Burke wore a perfect garden party dress—white organza printed in sapphire blue.

Four stars glistened from many gold braided shoulders. Three stars and two stars were more prevalent.

Vice Chief of Naval Operations and Mrs. Harry Felt were there and the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations and Mrs. Thomas Combs. From the retired list there were the former Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Robert Carney, just back from a salmon fishing trip in Canada, and Mrs. Carney; Admiral Arthur C. Davis and Mrs. Davis, Rear Admiral and Mrs. T. B. Hill, Gen. Wade Haislip, Commandant of Soldiers Home, and Mrs. Haislip, former Chief of Naval Operations, and Mrs. William M. Fechteler and their daughter, Joan.

Gen. Curtis LeMay, Vice Chief of the Air Force, puffed on his cigar—almost a trademark now—as he talked to old friends. Gen. Randolph Pate, Commandant of the Marines, and Mrs. Pate came early and were soon on their way.

Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Lt. Gen. Vernon Megee and Mrs. Megee circled the garden, found the buffet at the lower end under a marquee.

Rear Admiral and Mrs. Wallis Peterson were there and for more there were Vice Admiral James L. Holloway, Rear Admiral Roland N. Smoot and Mrs. Smoot, who was one of the "best-dressed" in a black sheath with white panels tied at the neckline in the back, the ends falling to her knees.

THE SPANISH Ambassador and Countess Motrico, both suntanned from their Rehoboth Beach holiday have a trip to Spain in mind. The Countess of Motrico expects to leave Aug. 25, and will return to Washington the end of September with the Ambassador who will join her there in September.

The Philippine Ambassador, Carlos Romulo and Mrs. Romulo in a beautiful white, embroidered in black terno; Mme. Tran Van Chuong, wife of the Viet Nam Ambassador in her native tunic, "it doesn't wrinkle" she said of her white costume printed in charcoal gray and pink; and the Ambassador of Afghanistan, Najib-Ullah, were there from the Diplomatic Corps.

Others were the Cambodian Ambassador, Nong Kimny, Mme. Nykopp, wife of the Finnish Ambassador the Ambassador of Sudan, Ibrahim Anis, and former Chilean Ambassador and Señora de Rodriguez.

Then there were retired Marine Corps Gen. Gerald Thomas, and Mrs. Thomas, Secretary of the Army and Mrs. Wilber Brucker, Gen. L. L. Lemnitzer, former Am-

bassador and Mrs. Myron Cowan, Assistant Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Wilfred McNeil, Assistant Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Floyd Bryant, Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Garrison Norton. Capt. Homer Hudson, USN, ret., and Mrs. Hudson, Lieut. Gen. Charles P. Cabell Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, and Mrs. Cabell, Adm. Sir Michael Denny, Chairman of the British Joint Services, and Lady Denny, Gen. and Mrs. Graves Erskine, Rear Adm. and Mrs. Thomas Kelly, Assistant Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Murray Snyder

and Vice Adm. and Mrs. William S. Pyle.

Farewells:

THE RETIRING Thailand Ambassador and Mme. Sarasin who are leaving Sunday to return to Bangkok were the guests in whose honor Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Walter Robertson entertained at dinner last evening at Blair House.

Others in the group were the Ambassador of Cambodia, Nong Kimny, Mme. Tran Van Chuong, wife of the Viet-Nam Ambassador who is in Saigon; the Philippine Ambassador and N. Carlos Romulo.